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SUBJECT: ELECTION DATES POSTPONED

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRESS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 24 THAT COUNTRY-WIDE ELECTIONS TO NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCILS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JAN. 27 AND FEB. 10. THESE DATES REPRESENT 12-DAY POSTPONEMENT FROM ORIGINAL DATES OF JAN. 15-31.

2. LATEST ANNOUNCED RESULTS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AS OF DECEMBER 25 INDICATE THAT 89.5 PERCENT OF BURMA'S ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAD VOTED, AND 94.5 PERCENT OF BALLOTS CAST SUPPORTED CONSTITUTION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) GUB PRESS CHARACTERISTICALLY GAVE NO REASON FOR ELECTION POSTPONEMENT, OTHER THAN NOTING THAT DECISION TAKEN AT FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY-FORMED ELECTIONS COMMISSION. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS HEARD NUMEROUS REPORTS OF STRUGGLES WITHIN PARTY FOR POSITIONS ON CANDIDATE LISTS. THIS PARTY INFIGHTING MAY BE ONE REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT. ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS OF NATIONWIDE ELECTION, COMING SO SOON AFTER
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VENING, MAY LIKEWISE HAVE NECESSITATED POSTPONEMENT.
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